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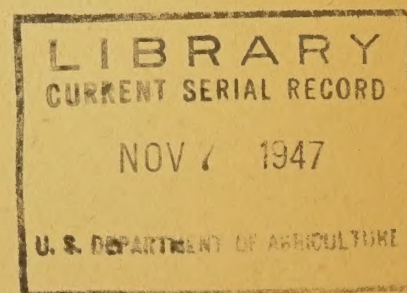
Subject: Current Farm Labor News - #28

Going Strong! Finish Line in Sight! The big fall job of harvesting sugar beets is about over. During the week of November 3 interstate workers employed in Montana and Colorado will be returned to their respective states, namely Oklahoma, Kentucky and Tennessee. Reports from areas of employment indicate that these workers did an outstanding job this year and that their efforts contributed greatly to the harvest of a big crop in record time and without loss. A vote of thanks to the states that made these workers available, and to the state Farm Labor staffs headed by Mercer in Oklahoma, Ball in Kentucky, and Moore in Tennessee, who cooperated so wholeheartedly in making the movements the most successful of the whole emergency program. This also goes for the railroads.

Swell Job in Cotton, Too. Reports on progress of the cotton harvest also indicate a big crop has been harvested earlier and with more satisfaction than during any previous year due to excellent weather and an effective Extension program which resulted in orderly movements of free domestic workers to areas of need.

Well Done, Gang. Farm labor placements (all workers) made through Extension offices during the first 8 months of 1947, total 2,293,249 and are 87.3% of the comparable total (2,627,008) for the same period in 1946. Placement of women in seasonal work continues to run higher than in 1946. All year-round, and all other seasonal placements are down.

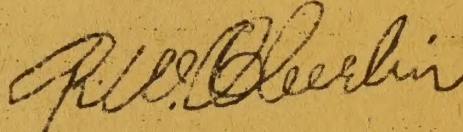
Confidence is Built. Through the five years in which this program has been in operation, extensive and persistent efforts have been made to supply prospective farm workers with reliable information concerning farm work opportunities and to build in them a full measure of confidence in the information service Extension seeks to provide for their benefit as well as that of the producers of food crops. As a summarization of results of this work in one state, the following comment from the New York State "Farm Labor Pains" is appropriate:



Charles Collins, assistant state farm labor supervisor in the Oneida (beanery) area writes: "One of our large apple growers, a bit short of help, called me to see if I had any crews which we could get to work for him. Next morning I met the grower and we went to the camp at Bouckville where Allan Washington and his crew had been working all summer. Washington had just finished a potato deal and I hoped I could get him to work for the apple grower. However, he had made up his mind to go home, but a small part of his crew was traveling by car and had planned to go to Steuben county to work in potatoes. I told them that it probably would not be advisable for them to go there, unless they knew where they were going. I said we had word from the state office that they now had enough workers in that area and that we were not to send any more out there unless they had definite work contracts. Washington, the work leader, was listening in, and spoke up and said: 'This fellow is from the Extension Service and knows what he is talking about.' He said they had better go along with whatever recommendations I made and 'you will be better satisfied'. I thought this was a real tribute to the way Extension has handled that part of the Farm Labor program and was mighty pleased to learn that they had so much confidence in our recommendations. A lot of credit for this should go to Merle Stout and Seymour Vaughan who have headed up this project so successfully".

Dean W. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon, State Supervisors Roy Snipes of Nebraska and Paul Putnam of Connecticut and Assistant State Supervisor G. K. Terpening of Oklahoma have been visitors in the Farm Labor office while here attending the annual Outlook Conference.

Yours very truly,



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